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Southeast Conference 50th Annual Meeting CELEBRATING JUBILEE

50th Annual Meeting: June 10-11, 2016

The 50th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference is this weekend. We look forward to seeing you at Piedmont College in Demorest, GA for three days of learning, growing, sharing, laughing, praying, worshipping, discussing, meeting, and loving (just to name a few things!).

Although online registration has closed, walk-up registration is available onsite. Please note, however, that overnight accommodations and meal availability cannot be guaranteed.

All delegates and visitors need to download and/or print your own copies of the meeting material as we have moved to a paperless "green" meeting. All the details for the weekend are online on the Conference website: **secucc.org/news-and-events/50th-annual-meeting/**.

PATHWAYS Book Sale at Annual Meeting

PATHWAYS is hosting an Annual Meeting Book Sale to benefit the PATHWAYS program. Much of the Theology Among the People (TAP) books will be sold, as well as books from the Conference Resource Library. Buy early and often!

From the Conference Office

Jottings from June

This is an abbreviated edition of the newsletter so we can prepare to welcome you to the 50th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference.

Our Theme is "Celebrating Jubilee" and our meeting text is from Nehemiah 8:1, 9-10, 12. Our opening worship will be in the chapel at Piedmont College and we will close with a communion service on Saturday afternoon. We will honor the saints who have died in the past year during the historical program on Saturday morning so please be prepared to have one person from your

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Fri, June 10 -
Sat, June 11, 2016
Piedmont College
Demorest, GA

Board of Directors
Saturday, June 11, 2016
Piedmont College

Office Closed
Mon, July 4, 2016
For Independence Day

SEC Staff Meeting
Thu, July 7, 2016
Conference Office

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congregation read the names during the program.

You will see the link to the all the materials for Annual Meeting at the top of the Conference website. **Just a reminder that all delegates and visitors need to download and/or print their own copies as we have moved to a paperless meeting.**

We are asking each church to bring a gift bag from your church to share on Friday night at the banquet. This can be items you give to visitors or have to honor your members such as apron, magnet, coffee cup, choir CD, etc. Please include a card from your church to the recipient. We will have a drop-off for gift bags in the registration area.

We are very excited about the program which will include greetings from our sister Conferences in the Southern Region and from the national setting of the UCC. We will also welcome special guests as leaders for worship and the authorized ministers' retreat. Other special guests will share during our historical retrospective on Saturday morning.

We will also be honoring Gerri Ryons-Hudson for her service to the Conference. And there will be the usual recognitions for Our Church's Wider Mission, 5 for 5 congregations, significant clergy anniversaries, and other awards.

PATHWAYS will be hosting a used book sale. You are invited to bring your contributions to donate. We will also be having a silent auction of some art prints from the Conference office. There will also be books for purchase and author signings by Joyce Hollyday, Lou Kavar, and Glenna Shepherd.

One of the most exciting things about our 50th Annual Meeting will be the publication of a Southeast Conference History written by Michael Stroud. Copies of the book will be available for sale at the Annual Meeting. I have learned a lot about the Southeast Conference from the careful research that Mike has done and wish that I had known some of the stories when I began my ministry among you.

Stay tuned to Facebook for updates during Annual Meeting and watch for the Annual Meeting Review in the mid-June newsletter.

We are continuing the process of praying for authorized ministers, congregations, and ministry groups throughout 2016. Each month, we will publish a weekly list for the month and post them weekly on our Facebook page. We encourage you to include these prayer requests in your local church newsletter, share them with your prayer circle, and include them in your own prayers.

- Click here to download the entire 2016 prayer list

Highlights:

- Condolences to the family of **Amos Seldomridge**, retired UCC minister. His daughter Rebecca (also a retired UCC ministers) lives in Pleasant Hill, Tennessee.

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- Continued prayers for Bill Eure as he battles cancer. He is the spouse of Rev. Michael Piazza serving Virginia Highland Church in Atlanta.
- Prayers for both **Kirkwood UCC** in Atlanta and **Decatur UCC** in Georgia as they relocate to different temporary ministry sites as part of a transitional ministry plan.

Churches in Transition:

Oak Grove Congregational Christian, Pine Mountain Georgia; Church of the Savior, Alpharetta Georgia; Pensacola UCC, Pensacola Florida; Pilgrim Congregational UCC, Chattanooga Tennessee; Brookmeade Congregational UCC, Nashville Tennessee; Howard Congregational UCC, Nashville Tennessee; Beloved Community, Birmingham Alabama; First United Church, Belvidere Tennessee.